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New Higher Hazard Substances for 2017: Toluene Diisocyanates

As of January 1, 2017, 2,4-TDI (CAS 584-84-9); 2,6-TDI (CAS 91-08-7); and TDI Mixed Isomers (CAS 26471-62-5) are designated as Higher Hazard Substances (HHS). Tracking the use of these substances is required beginning in calendar year 2017, and the first reports are due to MassDEP by July 1, 2018. The new reporting threshold for these substances is 1000 pounds for all uses. Find more information on TURA reporting on the [MassDEP website](#) or contact [OTA](#) at (617) 626-1060 for confidential technical assistance. The [Designation of TURA Higher & Lower Hazard Substances in Massachusetts](#) fact sheet containing the up to date list of Higher Hazard Substances and Lower Hazard Substances is now available.

OTA News

Update: Chemical Safety & Climate Change Planning Project

Through a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) will be working with Massachusetts [Regional Planning Agencies](#) (RPAs) to sponsor workshops designed to build awareness and educate city officials, community leaders, [Local Emergency Planning Committees](#) (LEPCs), businesses, and community stakeholders about toxic chemicals in their communities. This effort will build a sustainable and replicable model for incorporating toxics use reduction into individual facility, community and regional emergency preparedness and climate change resiliency planning.

OTA has selected ESIS Inc. as the project consultant to provide technical expertise to the RPAs as they organize their workshops for the grant lasting through September 2018. Beginning in November of 2016, OTA will begin funding the chosen RPAs from regions across the state. Find more information at www.mass.gov/eea/ota-climate.



Contact Tiffany Skogstrom, OTA's Outreach and Policy Coordinator, at 617-626-1086 or tiffany.skogstrom@state.ma.us to receive more information and get connected to the project.

Request a 100% Confidential OTA Site Visit at No Cost to Your Facility

Our technical staff draws upon an extraordinary breadth of hands-on manufacturing experience in helping businesses address issues related to toxics use reduction, pollution prevention, energy efficiency and water conservation. Most OTA staff members have firsthand experience with plant operation responsibilities from previous jobs so they understand the technical issues related to implementing

projects in a manufacturing environment, as well as the regulatory implications and potential impacts on the company's operations.

See the new [OTA Services & Staff Expertise 2016](#) Fact Sheet to find the OTA expert who best fits your needs. You may contact them directly or call (617) 626-1060 for general questions.

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OTA Publications Updates

New Fact Sheet:

[OTA Services & Staff Expertise 2016](#): Find the industry expert that best fits your needs

Updated Fact Sheet:

[Designation of TURA Higher & Lower Hazard Substances in Massachusetts](#)

Request for Recommendation: Solvent Distillation

A Massachusetts company is seeking help in selecting a solvent distillation unit. If you have recommendations for such a unit, please email **Michelle Spitznagel** at Michelle.Spitznagel@state.ma.us. Although this company is specifically looking for a drum-scale unit, all recommendations and comments are appreciated!

The Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) Procurement Program for the Commonwealth:

Summary of EPP Program: OTA is a key partner in the Massachusetts' Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) Procurement Program and co-chairs its [Toxics Reduction Task Force](#). The EPP sets minimum environmental standards on products purchased through statewide contracts by Executive Agencies in the Commonwealth whenever such products and services are readily available, perform to satisfactory standards, and represent the best value to the Commonwealth. The Toxics Reduction Task Force provides input into these standards. According to the 2015 EPP report, the purchases made on statewide eco-purchasing contracts have grown to \$400 million. The 2015 EPP [Annual Report](#) is now available online.

EPP Program Update: The Environmentally Preferable Products Policies have been posted online [here](#).

The list of policies can be found by clicking on EPP Resource Center and then Publications and Other Resources. Businesses can use this site to identify green products and apply to be added to statewide contracts.

Upcoming Trainings, Events & Webinars

FEATURED CONFERENCE:

TURI Fall Continuing Education Conference
Tuesday November 15, 2016 8:00am – 4:00pm

Sessions will feature innovations in surface finishing technologies, updates on TSCA reform and REACH, and the latest successes in safer cleaning and degreasing processes in Massachusetts, among other topics. Join us for the opportunity of enhanced learning on TUR, networking with your peers and continual improvement in your TUR and resource conservation skills.

[Register here at www.turi.org](http://www.turi.org)

FEATURED EVENT:

MA Manufacturing Month with Mark Richey Woodworking
Thursday October 27, 2016 9:00am – 11:30am

At an event during Massachusetts Manufacturing Month, OTA, Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton and other state and local Newburyport officials will recognize Mark Richey Woodworking as an industry leader in energy efficiency, innovation, toxics use reduction, and environmental stewardship. OTA is currently producing a case study on the many energy initiatives that the company has undertaken, such as the installation of a biomass furnace, wind turbine, and new solar array that, altogether, will allow the facility to operate entirely without fossil fuel-produced electricity by early 2017.

The event will include an opportunity to meet the company's leadership and to tour the facility.

If interested in attending the event, contact OTA's Communications Coordinator: Maia Rodriguez-Semp at maia.rodriguez-semp@state.ma.us.

For more trainings, events, and webinars, visit <http://www.turi.org/Calendar>

Other News

Subscribe to the TURI Newsletter:

TURI offers services & programs to reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water while enhancing the competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses. Visit turi.org/newsletter to subscribe and get updates on events, grant deadlines, and chemical news.

About OTA

The Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) is the Commonwealth's center for technical information and assistance, and solutions that enable businesses to enhance their competitive position as they reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water. For additional information about OTA's advisory services, which are provided on a confidential basis at no cost to Massachusetts businesses, call (617) 626-1060, or visit our web site: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/ota>.

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